

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/705,036

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on March 26, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-21, 23-28, 30-33 and 44-52.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 November 0200 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement is made of receipt of Amendment filed on March 26, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 19-21, 23-28, 30-33 and 44-52 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Kato teaches a package and mail delivery system, wherein the package includes a label having information. The information includes tracking number, delivery type and class (special delivery, second day air, ground guaranteed, COD, etc.) and special instructions for delivery.

The packages are collected at a hub, where the packages are read and the packages are sorted in accordance with the information stored in the attached labels with delivery classification, zip codes, cities, delivery class and so on. Kato also teaches a host computer.

Tuttle teaches an RFID system use in a baggage handling or airport baggage sorting facility. The RFID includes a memory including name of the owner, a destination, time and a flight number. Tuttle also teaches a database, which also includes these data, and an interrogating device for interrogating the RFID.

Benson teaches a system and method for tracking vehicles in a vehicle lot. The vehicle tracked utilizing a RF interrogation signal and the logic on the tag reads the vehicle information, such as a vehicle ID.

However, prior art of record does not teach all the limitations of the claimed invention together with identifying an item among the plurality of stored items by interrogating each of the

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stored items programmable identification device as well as comparing the first item identifier with the second item identifier until the item is identified, wherein the first item identifier and the second identifier are both stored in the memory of the programmable identification device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kawase, U.S. Patent No. 6,665,585, discloses a method and apparatus for container management having a radio IC number tag.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kumiko C. Koyama whose telephone number is 571-272-2394.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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